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TAGS: EAID, US, JO

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S INQUIRY ABOUT REMAINDER OF SUPPORTING
ASSISTANCE

1. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI CALLED ME MORNING MARCH 29
AND SAID HE HAD NOTED FROM U.S. PRESS REPORTS THAT
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION HAD BEEN SIGNED AND THAT
REPORTS INDICATED FULL AMOUNT OF \$77.5 MILLION HAD
BEEN ALLOCATED BY CONGRESS FOR JORDAN. (WE ARE AWARE, BUT
PM ON OCCASION FORGETS, FACT THAT SOME PORTION OF \$77.5M
IS DEVOTED TO DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES AND THEREFORE NOT AVAILABLE
FOR BUDGET SUPPORT.)

2. HE REMINED ME OF EARLY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
SECRETARY ABOUT OBTAINING THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE FUNDS
FOR JORDAN'S BUDGET SUPPORT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE
OF THE ACT. HE REPORTED THAT HE WAS EXPERIENCING
CASH FLOW PROBLEM AT PRESENT AND ALSO THAT
EARLY PAYMENT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC ACT OF SUPPORT BY U.S.
FOR JORDAN.

3. I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY
HIS STATEMENTS AND SEEK EARLIEST POSSIBLE ADVICE
BY DEPARTMENT. RECOGNIZE THAT DEPARTMENT WILL PROBABLY
HAVE DIFFICULTY RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST PRIOR TO
MY DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON EARLY MORNING MARCH 31
LOCAL. HOWEVER, STATUS REPORT PRIOR TO THAT TIME
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WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR ME TO HAVE TO PASS ON

TO RIFAI.
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